AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 and ending at page 3, line 15 as follows:

The present invention provides alternative inexpensive, easily used ~~discrete~~ access-prevention devices for preventing undesired communications by a given network-connected computer with another computer within the network while the given computer remains on and running.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17 and ending at page 4, line 5 as follows:

In one aspect, the present invention provides ~~a discrete~~ an access-prevention device for controlling communication-access between a computer network and either a computer or a modem that has a given port for bi-directional communication by the computer or the modem with the network, the ~~discrete~~ access-prevention device consisting of a first connector for connection to the given port, a second connector for connection to the network, electrically powered switching means connected in series between the first and second connectors and operable in response to a given control signal for preventing receipt by the first connector of any network communications from the second connector and/or for preventing receipt by the second connector of any network communications from the first connector, and a control terminal connected to the switching means for providing said given control signal to the switching means from an external source.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 7 and ending at page 4, line 19 as follows:

In another aspect, the present invention provides a discrete an access-prevention device for controlling communication-access between a computer network and either a computer or a modem that has a given port for bi-directional communication by the computer or the modem with the network, the discrete access-prevention device consisting of a first connector for connection to the given port, a second connector for connection to the network, and switching means connected in series between the first and second connectors for preventing receipt by the first connector of any network communications from the second connector and/or for preventing receipt by the second connector of any network communications from the first connector.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21 and ending at page 5, line 5 as follows:

In a further aspect, the present invention provides a combination of a discrete an access-prevention device and a control device for controlling communication-access within a computer network to a given computer that has a given port for bi-directional communication by the given computer with another computer within the network, said combination comprising: a discrete an access-prevention device connected in series with the given port for preventing the given computer from receiving and/or transmitting any communications from and/or to said another computer within the network; and a control device for controlling the discrete access-prevention device; wherein the discrete access-prevention device consists of a first connector for connection to the given port, a second connector for connection to the network, electrically powered switching means connected

in series between the first and second connectors and operable in response to a given control signal for preventing receipt by the first connector of any network communications from the second connector and/or for preventing receipt by the second connector of any network communications from the first connector, and a control terminal connected to the switching means for providing said given control signal to the switching means from an external source; and wherein the ~~discrete~~ access-prevention device is disposed within a chassis that contains the given computer.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7 and ending at page 5, line 11 as follows:

In additional aspects, the present invention provides a combination of a ~~discrete~~ <u>an</u> access-prevention device and a control device for controlling communication-access within a computer network in which ~~an~~ <u>the</u> access-prevention device is disposed within a chassis that contains a modem, a chassis that contains an external network-access terminal, or a chassis that contains an external firewall device.

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